

Minutes of The ANNUAL GISLINGHAM VILLAGE MEETING held on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7pm in Gislingham Village Hall

Council Members present: Julie Bell, Ian Urwin, Jo Clifford, Jerry Mew, Phil Steadman, Lucinda Tacey

In Attendance: 6 members of the public, DC Cllr Warboys, CC Cllr Fleming, Stefan Henriksen Suffolk Police Community Engagement Officer, Jane Challis (Clerk to the Parish Council) , M Bryant (Footpath Warden)

Host: Councillor Julie Bell, Chair of Gislingham Parish Council

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm due to the Annual Parish Council Meeting taking place first.

1 Welcome from the Chair of Gislingham Parish Council

Cllr Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 To receive an Annual Report from District Councillor Rowland Warboys

DC Cllr Warboys read out his Annual Report, a copy of which can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

3 To receive an Annual Report from County Councillor Jessica Fleming

CC Cllr Fleming read out her Annual Report, a copy of which can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

4 To receive an Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council

Cllr Bell read out her Annual Report, a copy of which can be found as an addendum at the end of the minutes.

5 To receive a Report from Guest Speaker Stefan Henriksen Suffolk Police Community Engagement Officer

Stefan Henriksen introduced himself and explained his role as a Community Engagement Officer. A member of the public said that they are concerned the anti-social behaviour at Charity Meadow is partly drugs related, and asked about the impact of county lines drug activities on Gislingham. Stefan explained that county lines drug dealing does not tend to reach rural communities like Gislingham, and is unlikely to be behind any evidence of drug taking at Charity Meadow. He encouraged residents to report any incidents of concern, even if there is limited evidence to back up their report, because it helps the Police to build an overall picture of what is going on. CC Cllr Fleming asked if Stefan could provide up to date information on how to report issues. Stefan said he will include it in the next edition of Constables County, and recommended signing up to Police Connect for up to date local information.

<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/contact-us/police-connect-sign>

8:07pm one member of the public left the meeting

Cllr Bell thanked Stefan for attending the meeting and providing his report.

8:09pm Stefan Henriksen left the meeting

6 Presentation of the Watson Bowl

Cllr Bell announced that the Watson Bowl for 2021 is awarded to the Speedwatch Team, who the Parish Council feel have contributed significantly to the fabric of the village during the previous year. Three members of the Speedwatch Team were in attendance and were presented with the award by Cllr Bell. Cllr Bell advised she would contact the Co-ordinator of the Speedwatch Team to request the names of all the Volunteers in 2021 so that names are noted on the certificate.

7 Presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award

Cllr Bell announced that the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2021 is awarded to Terry Williams. The Parish Council feel not many can match Terry's commitment to Gislingham, through both his work on various village committees, and his fundraising as Quiz Master of the village Quiz nights. Terry was not present at the meeting so Cllr Bell will let him know and arrange to present the award at a later date.

8 To receive Reports from those within the community involved in Gislingham

- Head Teacher's Report Gislingham CE Primary School – addendum at the end of the minutes
- Footpath Warden's Annual Report – addendum at the end of the minutes

There being no further business, Cllr Bell declared the meeting closed at 8:15pm, and invited those present to stay for refreshments provided by the Parish Council.